

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Elaine D.

Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, and Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3581–3601; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 254–255, and H. Res. 401 were introduced. Page H1776

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2574, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection (H. Rept. 105–471);

H.R. 1151, to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify existing law and ratify the longstanding policy of the National Credit Union Administration Board with regard to field of membership of Federal credit unions, amended (H. Rept. 105–472);

H. Res. 402, providing for consideration of H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–473); and

H. Res. 403, providing for consideration of H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers (H. Rept. 105–474). Page H1776

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1701

Recess: The House recessed at 1:02 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H1704

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Casper, Wyoming National Historic Trails Interpretive Center: H.R. 2186, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming; Pages H1707–09

Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act: H.R. 3113, to reauthorize the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994; Pages H1710–11

Consolidation of Mineral Interests in Billings County, North Dakota: S. 750, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H1711–13

Blackhawk Helicopters for Colombian National Police: H.R. 398, amended, urging the President to expeditiously procure and provide three UH–60L Blackhawk utility helicopters to the Colombian National Police solely for the purpose of assisting the Colombian National Police to perform their responsibilities to reduce and eliminate the production of illicit drugs in Colombia and the trafficking of such illicit drugs, including the trafficking of drugs such as heroin and cocaine to the United States. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H1713–20

Iran Missile Protection Act: H.R. 2786, amended, to authorize additional appropriations for the Department of Defense for ballistic missile defenses and other measures to counter the emerging threat posed to the United States and its allies in the Middle East and Persian Gulf region by the development and deployment of ballistic missiles by Iran. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H1721–26

Illegal Foreign Contributions Act: H.R. 34, amended, amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from making contributions or expenditures in connection with an election for Federal office (passed by yeas and nays vote of 369 yeas to 43 nays with 1 voting present, Roll No. 82); Pages H1739–48, S1764–65

Campaign Reporting and Disclosure Act: H.R. 3582, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to expedite the reporting of information to

the Federal Election Commission, to expand the type of information required to be reported to the Commission, to promote the effective enforcement of campaign laws by the Commission (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 405 yeas to 6 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 84). **Pages H1754-64, H1766**

Suspensions Failed: The House failed suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Campaign Reform and Election Integrity Act of 1998: H.R. 3581, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for election for Federal office (failed to pass by a yeas and nays vote of 74 yeas to 337 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 81); and

Pages H1726-39, H1764

Paycheck Protection Act: H.R. 2608, to protect individuals from having money involuntarily collected and used for political activities by a corporation or labor organization (failed to pass by a yeas and nays vote of 166 yeas to 246 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 83). **Pages H1748-54, H1765-66**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:34 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m. **Page H1721**

Funeral Committee: Pursuant to H.Res. 395, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Skeen, Gingrich, Redmond, Sensenbrenner, Johnson of Connecticut, Barton of Texas, Gallegly, McNulty, Paxon, Rohrabacher, Mica, Ehlers, Shadegg, and Campbell to the Committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Steven Schiff. **Page H1721**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Berry wherein he resigned from the Committee on Small Business. **Page H1767**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:12 p.m. and reconvened at 12:48. **Page H1770**

Amendments: Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H1777.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1764, H1764-65, H1765-66, and H1766. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 12:50 a.m. on Tuesday, March 31.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—USDA DEBT COLLECTION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on USDA Debt Collection. Testimony was heard from

Linda Calbom, Director, Civil Audits, GAO; and the following officials of the USDA: Sally Thompson, Chief Financial Officer; Keith Kelly, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; Wally B. Beyer, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service; and Jan E. Shadburn, Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

WTO-DISPUTE SETTLEMENT BODY

Committee on International Relations and Oversight: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on WTO-Dispute Settlement Body. Testimony was heard from Alan Larson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State; Susan G. Esserman, General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a recorded vote of 8 to 4, a modified closed rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 3579, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for fiscal year 1998 equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (requiring a three-day lay-over of the committee report), clause 7 of rule XXI (requiring the three-day availability of relevant printed hearings and reports on general appropriations bills), or section 306 of the Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the jurisdiction of the Budget Committee unless reported by that committee). The rule provides an additional 30 minutes of debate on the provision of the bill (Title III) relating to the prohibition on the use of funds for military operations against Iraq equally divided between Mr. Skaggs and an opponent. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the amendments printed in part 1 of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives points of order against the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill) or clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting reappropriations). The rule makes in order the amendment printed in part 2 of the Rules Committee report and provides that such amendment may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. All points of order are waived against the